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Reserve Status In Service Records

At the present time, all Reserve enlisted personnel are serving under three year enlistment contracts, or voluntary extensions. However, many of these Reservists have either a five or eight-year reserve obligation incurred under the provisions of Universal Military Training and Service Act. In order to reflect the retention of personnel beyond the term of their enlistment, or voluntary extension, for the fulfillment of their reserve obligation or to reflect no obligation, one of the following entries will be made in the service record of each enlisted Reservist:

- (1) In the case of a five-year obligation: "Retained in the Coast Guard Reserve beyond the period of enlistment to complete a total of five years reserve service in accordance

with the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended. 5-year period expires _____ (date) ."

- (2) In the case of an eight-year obligation: "Retained in the Coast Guard Reserve beyond the period of enlistment to complete a total of eight years reserve service in accordance with the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended. 8-year period expires _____ (date) ."

- (3) In the case of no obligation; "No obligation under the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended."

It is anticipated that the project of making these entries in the service records of all Reservists will be completed by the Reserve Directors by 1 June 1954.

ORTUs And Districts With Top Attendance

Attendance figures for January and February 1954 indicate the following Districts and units led all others in percentage as follows:

January

Best District--12th	91.5%
Best ORTUPS--09-668--Milwaukee, Wisconsin	96.0%
Best ORTUAG--02-115--St. Paul, Minn.	94.9%

February

Best District--5th	92.2%
Best ORTUPS--08-470--Baton Rouge, La.	97.9%
Best ORTUAG--05-329--Richmond, Virginia	96.9%

Note: District figures are based on Continental Districts only. Unit figures are based on those units meeting a minimum of four drills during the months shown.

Attendance figures for complete participation in the Coast Guard's Organized Reserve program were as follows:

January 1954	87.7%
February 1954	90%

Booklet Lists VA Benefits

The Veterans Administration has published a booklet giving general information on benefits for armed forces veterans who served after 27 June 1950.

The 16-page booklet, called "Post-Korea Fact Sheet," includes data on medical care, GI loans, education and training, pensions and vocational training for the disabled, death compensation and burial, and benefits administered by other government agencies. Benefits available to dependents are included.

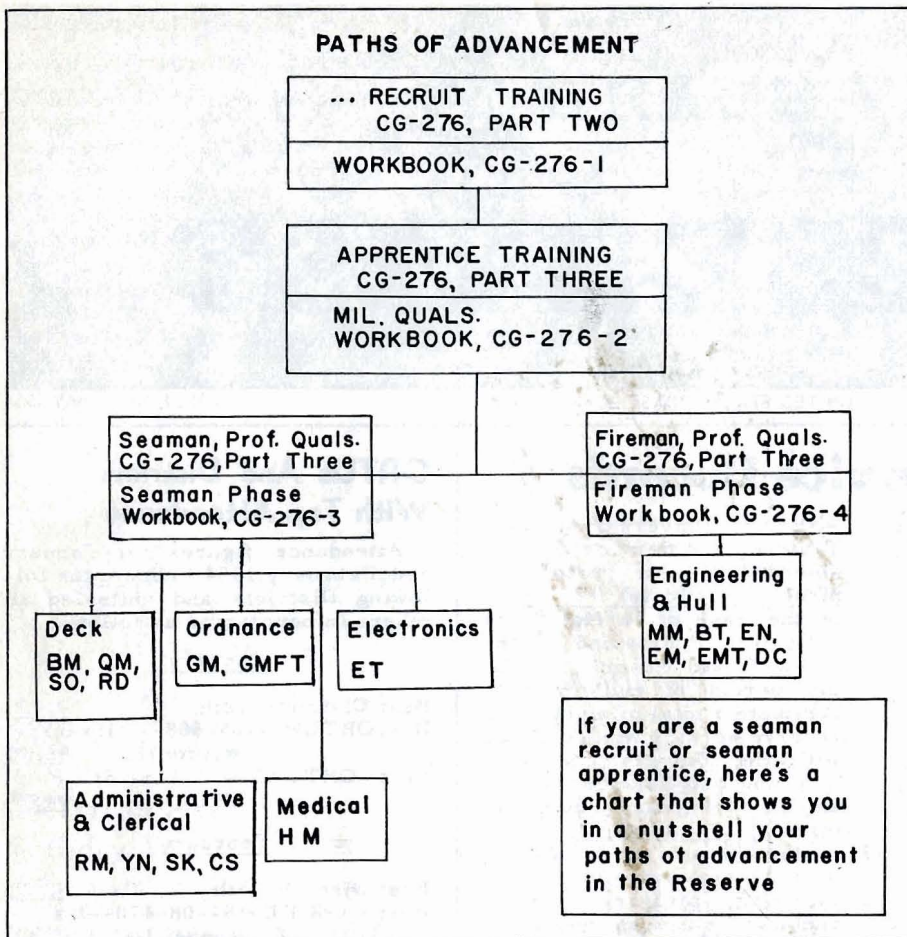
The Fact Sheet is published for information only. It does not have the effect of laws and regulations. More detailed information can be obtained from the VA office nearest you.



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LTJG James L. Dooley, Assistant Maintenance Officer, checks Tom Collins, ADL, as he pulls a "check" on one of the Navy airplanes used by Coast Guard Aviation Reservists during their weekend training at the Naval Air Station, Anacostia, Maryland.

PATHS OF ADVANCEMENT



Practical Factors Test Measures Enlisted Man's Ability

During your unit training in practical factors this summer, you should try to qualify in as many of the subjects as possible.

The conviction is growing that ability to do things is actually more important than passing written tests.

For example, if you were to go aboard ship for a training cruise, you would more likely be called on to heave the lead than to answer the question, "What is the purpose of heaving the lead?"

This is not to imply that training in practical factors is important only on board ship. This training is important at your unit, too.

The success of practical factors training lies to a large extent in your hands.

At every level of your Reserve career, you will be tested on practical factors in addition to being given a written examination. The written examination can be considered an examination in theory. In the final analysis, however, you are promoted and receive recognition for what you can do, not if you can answer how.

There is another factor to consider. Written examinations come from a central office and can be given and graded on an impersonal basis. Practical factors training is something more personal. You can demonstrate your proficiency at practical factors in the presence of your unit instructors or before an examining board.

Good work in practical factors will give you a sense of pride and accomplishment. It will keep you from falling into the "he-knows-how-but-he-can't-do-it" class.

Work and practice on your practical factors requirements will help to mark you as one who has both "know-how" and "can-do". You will find more satisfaction in competently tying four or five different knots rather than answering questions about how to tie them.

This in turn will build up your confidence until you know you can hold your own with any of your shipmates. When the time comes to do a job, you can be depended on.

Basic Allowance For Quarters - Enlisted Men On Active Duty For Training

In order to be paid basic allowance for quarters on account of dependents, while performing periods of active duty for training, enlisted members of the reserve must file NAVPERS Form 668 (Rev. 10-50), Application for Dependents Allowance. This dependency statement will be completed for all dependents other than a lawful wife and legitimate children under 21 years of age of a male member. No allotment is required to establish entitlement to BAQ for enlisted members on training duty. The original NAVPERS Form 668 will be supported by the following documents only when applicable:

1. Certified copy of marriage certificate for a ceremonious marriage. A member claiming allowances based on a common-law marriage must submit an affidavit setting forth the date and place of the agreement to be husband and wife and whether such relationship has continued uninterrupted to the date of his application.

2. Certified copy of public record of birth for minor children or stepchildren.

3. Certified copy of divorce decrees from former marriage(s).

Once the Commandant (PS) has made the determination of dependency no additional applications need be filed by the member to cover subsequent periods for active duty for training. Only reference to prior determination is necessary. The Commandant (PS) should be notified immediately of any change in prevailing dependency status; the notice of change should be forwarded via the member's District Reserve Director and District Finance Office.

It is recommended that determination be obtained in advance of training duty in order not to delay payment on completed orders.

Congratulations To Camden ORTUAG

Congratulations to the new ORTUAG unit recently commissioned in Camden, New Jersey. Since the date of activation, 17 February 1954, Unit 03-867, through an excellent local publicity campaign has increased the size of its unit from an original "on board" strength of five officers and thirteen enlisted personnel to six officers and 38 enlisted personnel as of 1 April 1954. Effective 15 April 1954, this unit will become a large ORTUAG with an authorized complement of ten officers and 52 enlisted personnel.

"HERE'S YOUR ANSWER"

TRANSFER TO INACTIVE STATUS LIST

Sir: I have been notified that I have completed over 20 years of satisfactory Federal service for retirement under Public Law 810. I will be 60 years of age in 1958. Since I have completed 20 years satisfactory Federal service, must I be transferred to the Inactive Status List?

A. No, you may remain in the active Reserve, either Ready (USCGR-R) or Standby (USCGR-S1), and continue to earn points resulting in a greater retired pay, or you may request transfer to the Inactive Status List (USCGR-S2) or the Retired Reserve (USCGR-Ret). In either of the latter categories you will not be credited with additional points.

CREDITING POINTS TOWARD RETIREMENT

Sir: During the anniversary years 1 July 1940 to 30 June 1950 and 1 July 1950 to 30 June 1951 I was credited with 47 and 45 points, respectively. I have been informed that these two years are not creditable toward retirement under Public Law 810. It does not seem fair to me to lose these points.

A. While it is true that these two years cannot be credited toward the aggregate of 20 years satisfactory Federal service necessary for retirement under Public Law 810, the points which were credited to you during these two years will be included in the final computation to determine the amount of retired pay which you will receive.

CREDITABLE SERVICE

Sir: I was notified that I was entitled to 18 years of service for longevity pay. However, the copy of point card, form CG-3034, I received indicates I only have 15 years creditable service toward retirement under Public Law 810. Which is correct?

A. Both are correct. Under the provisions of Public Law 810 all periods of service are not necessarily creditable toward retirement. In your case you failed to accrue the minimum number of 50 points per year prescribed by Public Law 810 for the anniversary years ending 30 June 1951, 1952, and 1953, respectively. The anniversary year from 1 July 1949 to 30 June 1950 is creditable toward retirement since you were credited with 57 points for this period. The entire period of 18 years service, however, is creditable for longevity pay.

OFFICER PROMOTION

Sir: When will I be promoted to Lieutenant?

A. It is not known at this time when a new promotion zone for this grade will be opened. However, in your case it is pointed out that you have failed to earn the minimum average of fifty points since 1 July 1952 prescribed by Reserve Circular 5-52 for all officers of the Reserve to be eligible for consideration for promotion. To be eligible for consideration for promotion you must earn an average of 50 points for each fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which a promotion board meets and subsequent to 1 July 1952.

CHANGE IN RATING

Sir: I am rated boatswain's mate, second class, but would like to change my rating to storekeeper which is closer to my civilian job. Can I request a lateral change in rate?

A. Yes, if you are a member of a drilling unit. Request for lateral change in rating should be made to the Commandant (PR) via your unit CO and District Commander setting forth full particulars and reasons. In the event of favorable consideration, you will be permitted to take the servicewide examination for storekeeper, second class. Upon successfully passing the examination, lateral change in rating will be authorized.

TRANSFER TO STANDBY RESERVE

Sir: While on active duty I was notified that I was assigned to the Ready Reserve. Since I have had over five years active service, will I be automatically transferred to the Standby Reserve, USCGR-S1 on release from active duty?

A. No, in accordance with the procedure established by Personnel Circular 14-53, eligible personnel must request transfer from the Ready to the Standby Reserve. Such a request should be addressed to your District Reserve Director in the event you desire transfer to the Standby Reserve.

ACTIVE DUTY REQUEST

Sir: I served in the regular Coast Guard for three years and was transferred to the Reserve. I would now like two years active duty as a Reservist. Is this permitted?

A. Yes, provided your services are needed. In this connection, however, it is not present policy to call to extended active duty any Reservist who is not subject to induction. As occasions arise individual requests for return to active duty are solicited through the District Directors of Reserve.

Transfer And Placement In Retired Reserve

A recent amendment to Regulations, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, places into effect a provision of the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952, which established a Retired Reserve category without pay. The new amendment prescribes the eligibility requirements for transfer to or placement in the Retired Reserve without pay for members and certain former members of the Coast Guard Reserve.

Reservists who complete 20 years of honorable service in a Reserve component, or who are physically disqualified for active duty as a result of a service-connected disability, or who reach age 62 are eligible, upon application, for transfer to the Retired Reserve without pay.

At the discretion of the Commandant, Reservists may be transferred to retired status without pay if they have attained age 37, and either (1) completed 8 years of satisfactory federal service (50 points per year) or (2) served and conformed to Reserve regulations for 8 years provided they performed at least 6 months active duty during a war or national emergency.

Members who are physically disqualified for active duty for reasons other than service-connected or officer members who have reached the prescribed age-in-grade, as shown below, are also eligible for retirement on showing that they have (1) performed active duty during a war or, (2) served for a total period of not less than 10 years or, (3) received a combat award or, (4) although physically handicapped, could be usefully employed on active duty in wartime in a capacity consistent with such a handicap or, (5) have other extraordinary considerations justifying a transfer.

AGE-IN-GRADE TABLE

Commander.....	58
Lieutenant Commander.....	52
Lieutenant	46
Lieutenant (junior grade)	40
Ensign.....	40
Commissioned warrant officer.	40
Warrant officer.....	40

Former Reservists may be reappointed or reenlisted for the limited purpose of immediate placement in the Retired Reserve provided they were separated because of a service-connected physical disability, or for reaching the statutory age limit in effect at time of separation. If the separation occurred as a result of physical disability, not service-connected, former members must also meet at least one of the qualifications for transfer to the Retired Reserve required of persons currently members of the Reserve.

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Training Duty For Enlisted Men

The Navy Department has announced that quotas are available to Coast Guard Reservists for a special four-week Electronic Technician Course, which will be given at the Electronics Technician Schools at Great Lakes, Illinois, and Treasure Island, California. Convening dates for the course are 28 June and 26 July. Electronic Technicians third class and SNs striking for ET rating are eligible for this rating.

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Thus your reputation for being "on the ball" increases and the steps up the promotion ladder are easier.

How long has it been since you have looked over the list of practical factors for your next higher rate? Look them over. Practice them in free time wherever possible. Ask your instructors to help you over any hurdles.

Then, when your unit has practical factors training this summer, you will be ready for it.

ORTUAG Has Birthday Too

The March RESERVIST contained an article sending birthday greetings to the first of the ORTUPS units having third anniversaries this year.

On 9 April 1951, ORTAUG 01543 was established in Boston and the RESERVIST takes this opportunity to send greetings and best wishes to this "eldest" ORTAUG.

New Point Card Form And Procedure

Until recently an annual notice of retirement point credits earned under the provisions of Public Law 810 was sent to all Reservists. However, Reservists who do not participate in the Reserve Training Program will no longer receive such a notice. Under a revised procedure recently adopted, only Reservists who earn one or more points during an anniversary year, exclusive of the gratuitous credit for membership, will receive a copy of Reserve Point Card, form CG-3034, upon completion of such a year.

It is recommended that all participating Reservists retain the copy of each point card they receive with other valuable papers and records.

This will enable them to produce records of their Reserve participation quickly and easily when they are needed in the future.

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Members whose names are placed on the Coast Guard Reserve Retired List without pay cannot be ordered to active duty without their consent except in time of war or Congressional national emergency and then only after the Secretary has determined that adequate numbers of personnel in an active status are not available. Retired Reservists are not eligible to participate in a Reserve training program or to accrue additional points for retirement pay or for promotion except while performing active duty in a retired status. Once retired, no change in status can be effected except by

resignation, discharge, or dismissal.

Members of the Retired Reserve may not wear the uniform in connection with non-military, personal, or civilian enterprises, or activities of a civil nature. Retired personnel not on active duty in a foreign country shall not wear the uniform except when authorized under such regulations as may be prescribed. Retired Reservists must obtain permission from the Commandant to leave the United States under the same conditions as apply to Regular Retired personnel.

Notwithstanding the fact that a member meets one or more of the eligibility requirements provided for, he may be discharged in lieu of transfer to the Retired Reserve if a board of officers convened to consider his separation from the Reserve so recommends. Such action would not be prejudicial to the individual concerned regarding P.L. 810 retired pay since the right to receive such pay is not dependent upon membership in a Reserve component at the time he otherwise qualifies therefor.

Placement in the Retired Reserve should not be confused with placement on or the right to be placed on any other retired list. The lists established by the Armed Forces Reserve Act are in addition to all other retired lists and status in the Retired Reserve does not affect a Reservist's right to receive or continue to receive retired pay and other benefits, if he is otherwise entitled thereto.

District Directors of Reserve were recently issued instructions for processing applications. Persons who consider themselves eligible and who desire such transfer should address a request to the District Commander (dcr) for additional information.

ORTUs Commissioned

Port Security Units

Pasadena, Calif., 11-318, 16 March
San Jose, Calif., 12-465, 17 March
Santa Ana, Calif., 11-378, 30 March
Bakersfield, Calif., 11-635, 1 April
Lawrence, Mass., 01-483, 6 April

Vessel Augmentation Units

Yonkers, New York 03-525, 2 April

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Quartermaster Third Class Carlise teaches signaling to members of ORTUAG 11-055, Phoenix, Arizona, during one of the unit's weekly drill meetings.